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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON MEETING JULY 14, 1976 (SALT TWO-1060)

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1. AT TODAY'S MEETING I MADE STATEMENT OFFERING REVISED LANGUAGE FOR SUBPARA 3(A) OF ARTICLE VI, READING AS FOLLOWS: "FIXED ICBM LAUNCHERS IN THE INITIAL STAGE OF CONVERSION," STATING SCC WOULD DEVELOP PROCEDURES TO SPECIFY THE AGREED POINT DURING INITIAL STAGE OF CONVERSION WHEN AN ICBM LAUNCHER WOULD BECOME SUBJECT TO 1320 LIMITATION, AND THAT THIS POINT WOULD BE THE EARLIEST POINT VERIFIABLE BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS.

2. SEMENOV AGREED WITH MY SUGGESTION THAT PARAS 3 AND 4 OF ARTICLE VI NOW BE REFERRED TO DRAFTING WORKING GROUPS.

3. DEMINOV MADE EXTENDED STATEMENT ON OUR RESPECTIVE MIRV VERIFICATION PACKAGES AND TABLED LANGUAGE FOR PARA 3 OF ARTICLE XVI, TOGETHER WITH AGREED STATEMENT IDENTICAL TO

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THAT GIVEN KLOSSON BY KARPOV (REFTEL).

4. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, I TOOK OFF FROM OBERVATION HE MADE IN PLENARY STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT IT WAS NOT THE WORDS BUT THE CONCEPT THAT WAS AT ISSUE TO SEEK TO TIE HIM DOWN ON HOW THE SOVIETS INTERPRETED THEIR OWN PPROPOSAL WITH RESPECT TO MAKING THE BRIDGE BETWEEN LAUNCHERS OBSERVED BY NTM TO HAVE LAUNCHED A MIRVED MISSILE AND THE SAME KIND OF LAUNCHERS OBSERVED IN THE FIELD BY NTM. IN DOING SO, I DREW FOR HIM A SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM SHOWING THREE TYPES OF LAUNCHERS AT TEST RANGE, ONE OF WHICH WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE LAUNCHED A MIRV MISSILE, AND A GROUP OF SAME KIND OF LAUNCHERS OBSERVED ELSEWHERE, ASKING HIM WHAT WOULD BE APPLICATION AND INTERPRETATION OF SOVIET PROPOSAL TO THIS SITUATION. HE TWISTED AND SQUIRMED AT MY CONTINUED EFFORTS TO TIE HIM DOWN TO AN ANSWER, AND, IN EFFECT, REFUSED TO GIVE ANY ANSWER. IT WAS LEFT THAT WE WILL HAVE PRIVATE MEETING ON SUBJECT AGAIN ON COMING TUESDAY.

5. IN RESPONSE TO HIS MAKING EXTENDED STATEMENT TO ME REPEATING THEIR BOMBER VARIANT PSOTION, I SAID THAT THIS WAS PURELY A FACTUAL QUESTION ON WHICH THE TWO SIDES DISAGREED AND REPEATED MY SUGGESTION THERE BE DISCUSSION OF THE FACTS BETWEEN QUALIFIED PERSONNEL, SUGGESTING THAT THIS COULD BE BETWEEN GENERAL ROWNY, GENERAL BELETSKY AND GENERAL TRUSOV. HE DEFERRED REPLY.

6. AT SHCHUKIN'S INITIATIVE, ROWNY HAD INTERESTING AND PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION WITH SHCHUKIN ON THEIR PROPOSAL ON PAR 3 OF ARTICLE XVI (DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES) WHICH FOCUSED ON THEIR POSITION ON TELEMETRY, AND WILL BE REPORTED IN DETAIL BY SEPTTEL.

7. IN EARLE'S CONVERSATION WITH TRUSOV AND BELETSKY, THEY ATTEMPTED TO TIE HIM DOWN AS TO WHETHER OUR MIRV POSITION WAS DELIBERATELY DESIGNED TO COUNT AS MIRVED LAUNCHERS THOSE WHICH WERE NOT MIRVED.

8. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 21, AT US MISSION.JOHNSON

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